



# In Focus

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## April Program- How To Maximize your Photography Time by *David Akoubian, Tamron Image Master*

BearWoodsPhotography is the photography of David Akoubian. David resides in the mountains of North Georgia with his wife Evelyn.

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David has been a photographer since 1972 but his career in photography started in 1992. David learned his craft originally as a painter and from his father. Early in his career he traveled with, learned from, and taught beside some of the masters of nature photography including John Shaw, Art Wolfe, Galen Rowell, Bryan Peterson, Pat O'Hara, and Rod Planck. David has been teaching photography since 1994 in the classroom and leading workshops around the United States. His focus remains on the Southeastern United States, where he calls home, but does workshops and lectures all over the United States.

David's clients have included, but are not limited to Coca Cola, PNC Bank, Tamron, Sirui, the Mountain Conservation Trust of Georgia, Lensbaby, The Nature Conservancy, and Gibbs Gardens. His photographs and articles have appeared in publications such as Nature Photographer, Audubon Magazine, and Outdoor Photographer. His work has appeared in several feature books in addition to instructional guides on scenic locations. David is a Tamron Image Master as well as being designated a Sirui Professional.



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## From The President

HPS was my 1<sup>st</sup> experience with a photo club and I never really stopped to consider how amazing our photographers are. I often hear judges talk about this during photo contests but recently have realized this is not just a platitude. I am no expert, but it is hard to argue how high the bar is that we set for ourselves.

As you know I've been working on GallyGig.com for the past 2 years. So I have given LOTS of thought to how we might want to advance our photographic skills and maybe even sell our hard work. As my thoughts, and the website, become more refined, there are moments of clarity that might be worth sharing with you. I break photographers in to 3 camps:

- 1) Some want to sell their photography skills as a service (portraits, weddings, sports, photo journalism, workshops...). This (by far) requires the most amount of work but can generate a great income if you are good.
- 2) Some want to sell photography as an art (Fine art, Landscape, Macro, Street and Bird photography). This too can be a lot of work, but you are not "on the clock" and, the work is being done out in nature, or working out a vision in your head. This form of photography can be very relaxing, even good therapy! But it is one of the hardest to make a living at.
- 3) Some simply want take better pictures and enjoy hanging out with us!

If you think of another category, please let me know!

In all three cases, we are continually challenged to improve our work. It might be learning a new technique, or seeking a new piece of hardware, but more often than not, encouragement is what's needed most. For any of these needs HPS is a great resource – thank you! Now, if anyone has been trying to sell your work as either a service or as finished art... please contact me! I am on tap to do the June program on this topic and would love to have a few success stories before then.

Keep Shooting,

*Cliff Loehr*

### **For Sale**

Canon EF 500mm f/4 L IS USM Lens with carrying case, \$4200.  
Contact Melanie Goff, #256-506-8572

# April Judge-Pamela Keller

Pamela Keller will be our judge for our April competition, "Beautiful Blur." Pamela is Professor of Art at Athens State University. Her office is located at the Alabama Center for the



Arts in Decatur. Having grown up in Anderson, Indiana, she has an MFA degree from the University of Wisconsin and a BFA degree from Indiana University. Her areas of expertise are Bronze Sculpture, Sacred Art in History, Photography, Graphic Design, Painting, and Drawing. Pamela has judged one of our competitions every year for the past several years and brings to us the unique perspective of an artist and a teacher. For examples of her work and interest, you can search her name in Google and click on images to see some interesting pieces.

## *New Members*

Jim & Madison Williams  
Rebecca Norman  
Marsha Farrell  
Patricia Hyde

### *HPS Members Attend 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe Wheeler Nature Photography Weekend by Rosemary Davidson*

On Feb 24-26, several members of HPS went to Joe Wheeler State Park for the Focused on Nature Photography weekend. This was a great opportunity to meet other photographers from around the state, learn new tips and tricks with nature photography and Lightroom, and take some great shots.

The weekend started with an optional critique by Joe Romans, a professional photographer out of the Shoals area. There was a reception Friday night. The lightning show over the lake was an unexpected photo shoot opportunity that night. Saturday



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morning there were seminars taught by Rocky Baker and Joe Romans. Rocky discussed basic nature photography and basic photography principles for the beginner/intermediate. Joe Romans taught his workflow from RAW and processing with Lightroom and Photoshop.

The afternoon offered a choice of field trips to the

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## Nature Photography Weekend *Continued from p. 3*

Wheeler Dam or Wheeler Wildlife refuge. Pelicans, herons and egrets were at the dam. Usually there are some eagle sightings, but they were elusive this year.

Saturday night, a buffet for the group of approximately 35 attendees. During dinner, a slideshow of pictures shot during the weekend was shown. David Haggard, Reelfoot Lake State Park Ranger from



Tennessee, brought 3 birds of prey. We were able to get up close shots of a Great Horned Owl, Red-Tailed Hawk, and Bald Eagle. These educational animals were injured and cannot return to the wild. He gave a great presentation on the opportunities at Reelfoot Lake and shared many of his personal photos with us.

There was an early hike Sunday morning, but since it was 30 degrees, I stayed in bed for that one. Sunday morning David brought out his birds for an outdoor shoot

and the birds were very cooperative. Then the captain of the pontoon boat gave us a ride around the Wheeler Lake. We spotted wildlife and birds along the shoreline.

This is a great opportunity for an inexpensive price very close to Huntsville. Rogersville is just about 90 minutes from Huntsville. I hope to see you out there next year!

Photo by Margaret Phillips



Photo by Tim Solomon



Photo by Rosemary Davidson

Name	2017 points	2017 wins
Henry Norton	24	8
Barbara Montgomery	15	6
Margaret Phillips	15	6
Charles Leverett	13	4
Martha Teal	9	3
Sam Alexander	8	2
Ron Atchley	7	4
David Blue	7	3
Sam Tumminello	7	3
James Anderson	6	3
Gayle Biggs	6	2
Joy Henderson	6	2
Tim Solomon	6	2
Dave Edens	5	1
Barry Jackson	5	3
Nathan Robbins	5	1
Barbara Staggs	5	2
Virginia Gilbert	4	2
Nicole Harper	4	1
Dorinda Tyler	4	1
Tom Bryant	3	3
Luis Lebron	3	1
Cliff Loehr	3	1
Henry Smith	3	1
Liz Smith	2	2
Pete Van Hoff	2	2
Anna Bright	1	1
Diana Davidson	1	1
Jerry Green	1	1
Thomas Johnson	1	1
John Kirwin	1	1
Doris Leverett	1	1

## April Mini-class

*With David Akoubian*

David will have a “mini-class” scheduled before his presentation for the regular club meeting on Apr 10<sup>th</sup>. He will discuss “What’s in the camera bag”. The class will be 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the same room as the regular meeting.

### **2017 Meeting Calendar**

- Apr 10 – How To Maximize Your Photography Time by David Akoubian, Tamron Image Master
- Apr 24 - “Beautiful Blur” Competition Meeting
- May 8 - Program TBA
- May 22 – “Rivers” Competition Meeting
- May 29 – Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)
- Jun 12 - Program TBA
- Jun 26 - “Made In The USA” Competition Meeting
- July 10 - Program TBA
- July 24 - “Broken” Competition Meeting
- July 31 – Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)
- Aug 14 - Program TBA
- Aug 28 - “Rural America” Competition Meeting
- Sep 11 – Program TBA
- Sep 25 - “Mystery” Competition Meeting
- Oct 9 - Program TBA
- Oct 23 - “Open” Competition Meeting
- Oct 30 - Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)
- Nov 13 - Program TBA
- Nov 27 - “Cabins” Competition Meeting
- Dec 11 - Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

**March Competition Results**  
**Subject- Open**  
**Judge – Bob Gathany**

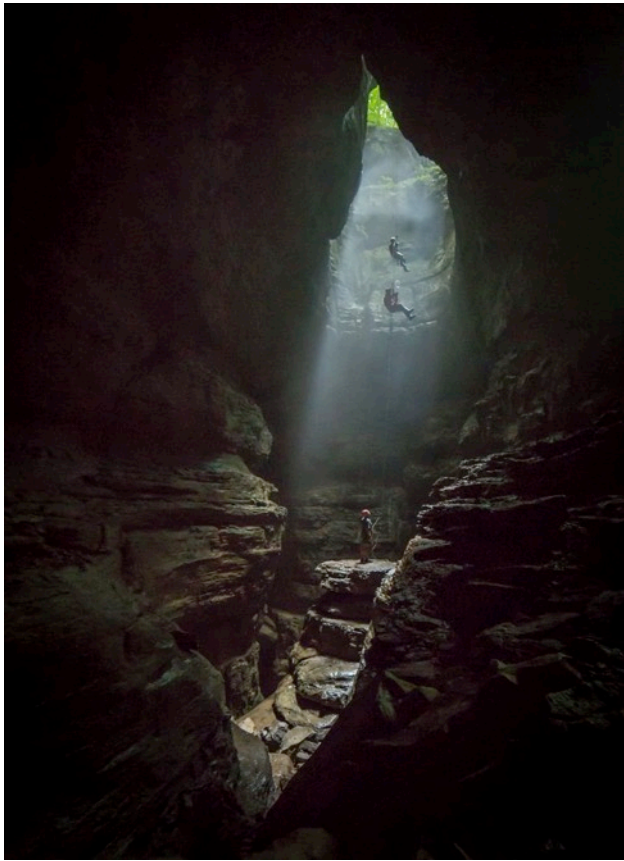
	Color Digital (65)	Monochrome Digital (48)	Color Print (31)	Monochrome Print (19)
<b>1st</b>	Gayle Biggs	Joy Henderson	Sam Alexander	Nathan Robbins
<b>2nd</b>	Martha Teal	James Anderson	Ron Atchley	Henry Norton
<b>3rd</b>	Margaret Phillips	Luis Lebron	Tim Solomon	Charles Leverett
<b>HM</b>	Diana Davidson	Barbara Montgomery	Henry Norton	Peter Van Hoff
<b>HM</b>	Ron Atchley	Sam Tumminello	Peter Van Hoff	Liz Smith
<b>HM</b>	Jerry Green	Margaret Phillips	Liz Smith	
<b>HM</b>	Thomas Johnson	Gayle Biggs		
<b>HM</b>	David Blue	Joy Henderson		
<b>HM</b>	Margaret Phillips			

Color Digital 1st Place  
 by Gayle Biggs



Color Digital 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
 by Martha Teal





Color Digital 3rd place by Margaret Phillips



Monochrome Print 3rd place by Charles Leverett



Monochrome Digital 1<sup>st</sup> place by Joy Henderson

Monochrome Digital 2nd place  
by James Anderson



Monochrome Digital 3rd place  
by Luis LeBron

Monochrome  
Print 1st place by  
Nathan Robbins







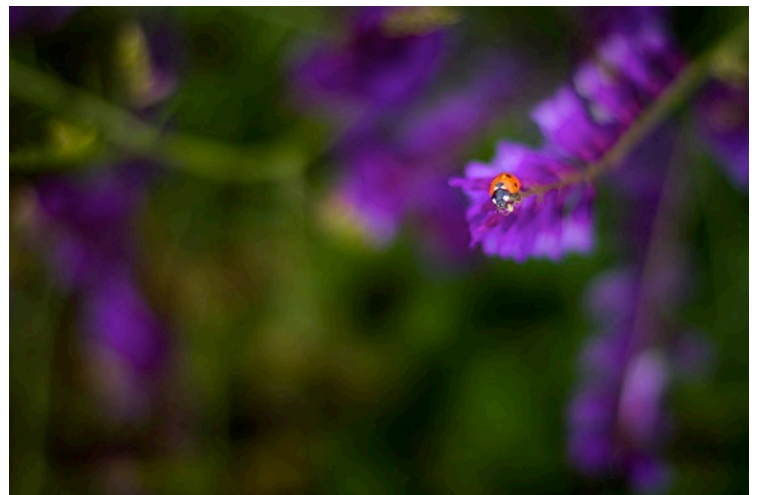
Monochrome Print 2<sup>nd</sup> place by  
Henry Norton

Color Print 1<sup>st</sup> place by  
Sam Alexander



Color Print 2<sup>nd</sup> place by  
Ron Atchley

Color Print 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
by Tim Solomon



## Help Record Huntsville's History!

John Rankin, a volunteer at the Huntsville Madison County Library (where we meet), is seeking volunteers to assist in photocopying historic paper documents located in the archives in the library.

There are two possible parts one could assist:

1. The scan project – to copy the available documents. (John uses a small camera and available light.) Volunteers could do this at their convenience – usually in the afternoon hours on the third floor of the library.
2. He needs volunteers, and this is done at home, to view on-line, already scanned documents and enter basic information into an established Excel spread sheet as part of a searchable database of the items.

If interested please contact John Rankin in the afternoon at the library 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor call (256) 532-5940, or email Sam Tumminello at [samjt3@yahoo.com](mailto:samjt3@yahoo.com)



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**Meeting Information:** HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison County Library - Main Branch, 915 Monroe St.

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